

ELD/Bilingual/Library Board Report

September 2025

ESL & Dual Language

The ESL team has been working hard to test and identify any new English learners. We still have a few left to test, but here are the number of current English learners so far:

MHES 205

CVI 88

CBMS 73

UHS 101

We have added 2 new languages this year: Portuguese and Q'anjob'al (another Mayan language). There are currently 10 different home languages in the district.

While we will miss Gloria Chase this year, as she will be teaching Spanish at CBMS, we welcome Sara Welch to the MHES ESL team.

Kinder testing and dual language class selection went smoothly. This year, during kinder assessments, I met with the parents of every potential dual language student, and explained that, starting this year, we will be increasing the amount of Spanish instruction in kindergarten and 1st grade. For the most part this was received well, but for a few families it helped them decide that DL was probably not for their child.

Libraries

The new library at CVI is beautiful, and now has books on the shelves. Getting those 5,000+ books from the front entrance, up the stairs, and into the library was quite a chore. Then, unboxing and shelving the books was equally exhausting. We had to work out a few bugs with the computer software, but it looks like we're now ready to start checking out books. This is a very exciting!

I spent about a month during the summer, renovating the MHES library, moving shelves and reorganizing books. I weeded more books, and hope to get another list for your approval by the October meeting. One of the books that I weeded is from 1956 (still in pretty good condition) and had a note in it about library fines of 2 cents.

If you get the chance to see the MHES, CVI or any of our libraries, I would encourage you to do so. All of them are looking good and we're excited for a new school year.

As usual, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me. Thank you!

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